

State of Rhode Island
Department of Health
Board of Medical Licensure & Discipline



IN THE MATTER OF:
Ronald C. Golinger, MD
License No.: MD 08239
Complaint No.: 19-0729

AMENDED CONSENT ORDER & LICENSE SURRENDER

Ronald Golinger, MD ("Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline ("Board") makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent has been a licensed physician in the State of Rhode Island since July 9, 1992.
2. Respondent graduated from New York University School of Medicine on June 1, 1966. Respondent's specialty is Psychiatry.
3. Respondent is a Psychiatrist and was the attending physician for Patient A (alias).
4. On August 16, 2019, Respondent agreed to and executed a Consent Order with the Board, which Consent Order was ratified on September 11, 2019.
5. Pursuant to the Consent Order, Respondent was required to "complete eight hours of Board approved courses in boundaries and medical record keeping." As of the date of this Amended Consent Order, however, Respondent has not completed this requirement.

Rather, Respondent has conveyed to the Board that he ceased to practice in Rhode Island on December 7, 2019 and, in lieu of completing the courses, wishes to retire.

6. The purpose of this Amended Consent Order is solely to amend the terms of the Consent Order based on Respondent's decision to retire. This Amended Consent Order is not the product of new or additional disciplinary action.
7. Pursuant to the Consent Order, Respondent agreed to the Board's findings that he had violated R.I. Gen. Laws, § 5-37-5.1(19) and (24), which define "unprofessional conduct" as including, respectively, "*[i]ncompetent, negligent, or willful misconduct in the practice of medicine which includes the rendering of medically unnecessary services, and any departure from, or the failure to conform to, the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in his or her area of expertise as is determined by the board;*" and "*[v]iolating any provision or provisions of [Chapter 5-37 of the Rhode Island General Laws] and regulations of the [B]oard or any rules or regulations promulgated by the [D]irector of an action, stipulation, or agreement of the [B]oard;*" and Section 1.5.12(D) of the Rhode Island Rules and Regulations for the Licensure and Discipline of Physicians (216-RICR-40-05-1), which states that "*[m]edical Records shall be legible and contain the identity of the physician or physician extender and supervising physician by name and professional title who is responsible for rendering, ordering, supervising or billing each diagnostic or treatment procedure. The records must contain sufficient information to justify the course of treatment, including, but not limited to: active problem and medication lists; patient histories; examination results; test results; records*

of drugs prescribed, dispensed, or administered; and reports of consultations and hospitalizations.”

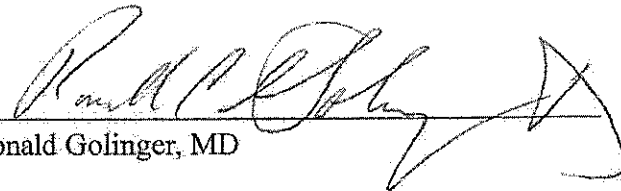
Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent has agreed to this Consent Order with the understanding that it is subject to final approval of the Board and is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
3. If ratified by the Board, Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review; and
 - h. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Federation of State Medical Boards and posted to the Rhode Island Department of Health (“RIDOH”) public website.
4. Respondent agrees to pay, within 30 days of the ratification of this Consent Order, an administrative fee of \$350 for costs associated with investigating the above-referenced complaint. Such payment shall be made by certified check, made payable to “Rhode

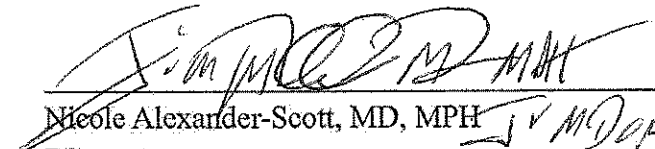
Island General Treasurer.” Respondent will send notice of compliance with this condition to _____ within 30 days of submitting the above-referenced payment.


5. Respondent agrees to surrender his license to practice medicine in Rhode Island, effective immediately. Respondent shall not seek reinstatement of the license without except by application for a new license, which new license will not be granted under any circumstances unless and until Respondent demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Board, that he completed eight hours of Board approved courses in boundaries and medical record keeping.
6. In the event that any term of this Consent Order is violated after ratification by the Board, the Director of RIDOH (“Director”) shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action, including immediate suspension. If the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within 20 days of the suspension and/or further discipline. The Director shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent’s license, or impose further discipline, for the remainder of Respondent’s licensing period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.


Signed this 17 day of April, 2020.


Ronald Golinger, MD

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 19th day of April, 2020.


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